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Honorable J. J. Pickle
House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pickle:

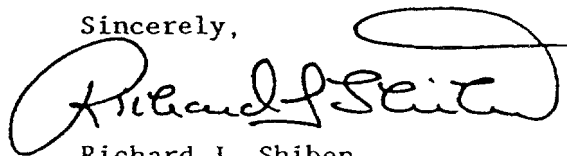
This is in reply to your letters of February 11-18, 1993 in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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February 11, 1993

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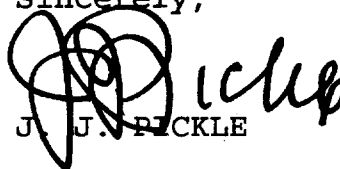
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I recently received the enclosed letters from Dr. Byron D. Neely, Mr. Obie A. Smith, Mr. Edward Kierklewski, Mr. Lester Boyer, and Mr. R. G. deClairmont concerning the effect the proposed rulemaking (Docket 92-235) regarding Private Land Mobile Radio services may have on their use of radio-controlled aircraft.

I sure would appreciate your considering these concerns about this proposed rule before the final rulemaking is made. I know each constituent would appreciate knowing if this proposed rulemaking will indeed affect the radio frequencies available for radio-controlled aircraft and if so, how. Please forward me a copy of your response.

Thank you for your close attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


J. J. PICKLE

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February 1, 1993

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The Honorable J. J. Pickle
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Pickle:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that, of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested, and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

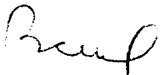
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are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Byron D. Neely, M. D.

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February 3, 1993

The Honorable J. J. Pickle
242 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Obie A. Smith
4305 Andalusia Dr.
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Dear Mr Pickle:

I am a retired USAF Pilot/ Staff Officer with 33 years of active duty.
I am active in the Austin Radio Control Association, Austin, Texas.
I have been building and flying radio controlled model airplanes since 1933.

Senator I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Sincerely,

Obie A. Smith
OBIE A. SMITH

The Honorable Jake Pickle
U. S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Pickle:

RE: Proposed FCC Rule Making NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

I am U.S. Air Force retired, and, I enjoy many hours building and flying radio controlled (RC) model airplanes. Also, I have many dollars invested in this hobby. I am shocked to learn that the FCC proposes MOBILE frequencies to be injected between our present RC frequencies. This will be disastrous!

As I understand it, the FCC wants to create more Mobile frequencies closer to current RC frequencies and reduce the number available to RC.

This will affect us twofold. First, airplane models cannot fly simultaneously on the same frequency, therefore, this would affect regular flying and many contests. Secondly, I believe it would severely jeopardize safe flying.

In the past, mobile units with boosted power outputs on and near our frequencies have come close to our flying field. I have seen several RC airplanes go totally out of control and crash. The excessive power received tends to lock all of the controls and the plane augers in. This is not only disheartening and disgusting, it is also very costly and unsafe!

We have a frequency monitor at the club field and we do not fly on a frequency while it is locked up in use. However, it's too late when your up in the air and a strange signal shows up!

I feel that allowing this change would severely jeopardize RC flying safety! Please help us continue the enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Thank you for your time

Edward J. Kierklewski
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February 2, 1993

The Honorable J.J. "Jake" Pickle
U. S. House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: PR DOCKET 92-235

Dear Sir:

As an active member of our local Radio Controlled Model Airplane Club I am most concerned about the protection of our frequency. I have ten (10) radio transmitters and a change in frequency would affect all of them.

The lack of control of a model plane will create a very dangerous safety hazard to the fliers as well as the spectators, therefore I urge you to keep the frequency protected.

Thank You.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lester Boyer".

Lester Boyer
300 Canyon Rim Austin, Texas 78746

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February 3, 1993

Dear Jake

The FCC is proposing to insert new radio frequencies between those allocated to the Radio Control model Aircraft hobby. If NPRM-PR Docket 92-235 is implemented our hobby would be demolished by people using these frequencies as they could overlap ours and could be up to 4 times more powerful - We could not fly our aircraft with any degree of safety as we would never know when someone would be using one of these in between frequencies.

I am a retired USF Pilot and derive a lot of pleasure from this hobby - all would be lost including approx \$3,000 of radio equipment I already own + use if the Docket PR 92-235 is adopted by the FCC.

The frequencies affected have been given to our hobby by the FCC now they want to take them away from us by making them useless.

Please don't let the FCC adopt

PR Docket 92-235

Thanks for everything you can do
to address my concerns

